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SUBJ: "LIST OF 7,500"

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8958

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

☒ Release ☐ Excise ☐ Deny

Exemption(s):

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1. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED PROMINENT ARTICLES ON NOVEMBER 29, 1977, WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY DENYING THE PRESENTATION OF THE "LIST OF 7,500" TO NATIONAL AUTHORITIES BY SECRETARY VANCE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO ARGENTINA.

2. THE ARTICLES NOTED THAT RECENT ACCOUNTS IN THE U.S. AND EUROPEAN PRESS OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT CONSTITUTED A CAMPAIGN BY "INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM" AGAINST THE ARGENTINES IN THE PRESS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES DESIGNED TO DEFAME AND DISCREDIT THE EXCELLENT DIALOG CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH SECRETARY VANCE AND HIS COMMITTEE HAD WITH THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND TO DISCREDIT THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL WHICH RESULTED FROM THOSE TALKS. THE PRESS RELEASE, SIGNED BY THE CHIEF OF THE CULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY, REFUTED AS "ABSOLUTELY FALSE" THE REPORTS THAT SECRETARY VANCE DELIVERED TO THE ARGENTINES A LIST OF 7,500 PERSONS SUPPOSEDLY ASSASSINATED OR WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED. ALSO, ALLEGATIONS THAT MNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAD DENOUNCED THE EXISTENCE OF A BLACKLIST OF ARGENTINE ARTISTS WERE CATEGORICALLY DENIED.

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2. COMPLETE TEXT OF THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY COMMUNIQUE IS AVAIL-
ABLE ON REQUEST.
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